

1896, ch. 295.

8. The board of immigration commissioners shall have power to make contracts with railroads, steamship lines, transportation companies and masters of vessels, securing a low rate of transportation to immigrants, and to make the necessary arrangements for their reception and temporary accommodation upon their arrival at Baltimore or other points in the State, until they can be distributed and located in the different counties of the State.

Ibid.

9. The board of immigration commissioners shall meet quarterly at their office in Baltimore city, and at such other times as they may determine for the purpose of promoting the work for which this bureau is organized; and they shall make an annual report to the Governor, to be by him laid before the General Assembly at each regular session; said report shall contain an itemized statement of all money received by the board, and to whom and for what purpose paid (the vouchers for which expenditures shall be filed in the office of the bureau,) the results attained or expected to be attained, the statistics of immigration and other kindred information, together with such suggestion as the board may think proper to make.

Ibid. 1898, ch. 282.

10. The sum of three thousand dollars per year for the years 1898 and 1899 is hereby appropriated for the use of the bureau of immigration, for their expenses in carrying out the provisions of this article, said fund to be known and designated as the "Immigration Fund," and the comptroller shall draw his warrant on said fund upon the requisition of the board of immigration commissioners, and the salaries of the superintendent and secretary shall be paid on the warrant of the comptroller and the requisition of the board of immigration commissioners out of any funds in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.\*

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11. The first term of office of the board of immigration commissioners hereby appointed shall commence on the first day of May, in the year 1896, and if there be not sufficient opportunity after the adoption of this article for the Governor to appoint such

\*By the act of 1898, chapter 300, a special additional appropriation of \$500 was made to the bureau of immigration, to be applied to the payment of its expenses during 1896 and 1897.